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Born: August 4, 1967 in Cincinnati, Ohio.
Family: Married, one child.
Personal interests: marathons/ultramarathons, hiking/mountaineering, vintage base ball, cooking, travel.

Areas of Interest

Teaching: Principles of Economics, Managerial Economics, Economic Growth/Development, Comparative Economic Systems, Public Finance, Labor Economics, History of Economic Thought, Econometrics.

Research: Economic Freedom, Economic Growth and Development, Comparative Economic Systems, Public Finance, State and Local Public Finance, Economic Education, Applied Microeconomics.

Education

- Ph.D. in Economics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1992. Primary Fields: Public Finance/Public Choice, Labor Economics. Secondary Fields: History of Economic Thought, Econometrics.
- M.S. in Economics, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1991.
- B.S. in Economics, Ohio University, Honors Tutorial College, Athens, Ohio, 1988. Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

Work Experience

- Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Professor of Practice & Jerome M. Fullinwider Endowed Centennial Chair in Economic Freedom, O'Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom, Cox School of Business, August 2011-present.
- Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. Associate Professor of Finance, 2008-2011. Co-Director, Center for International Finance and Global Competitiveness, 2008-2011. Director, Economic Freedom Initiative, 2008-2011.
- Capital University, Columbus, Ohio. George H. Moor Chair, 2001-2008. Professor of Economics, 2002-2008. Associate Professor of Economics, 1999-2002. Assistant Professor of Economics, 1996-1999.

- Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, Ohio. Associate Professor of Economics, 1995-96; Assistant Professor of Economics,1992-95; Institutional Researcher, 1995-96.

Teaching Experience

Courses Taught: Introduction to Political Economy, Intermediate Microeconomics, Public Finance, Comparative Economic Systems, Labor Economics, Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, American Economic History, Money and Banking, History of Economic Thought, International Trade, Introduction to Social Science, Econometrics, Microeconomics (MBA), Managerial Economics (MBA), Financial Markets & Institutions.

Graduate Placements: Graduates have been placed in Ph.D. economics/finance programs at George Mason University (2), Ohio State, Cornell, Florida State (2), North Carolina, West Virginia (2), and Clemson.

Research & Scholarly Activities

Books

Economic Freedom of the World, reports published annually since 1996.

Most recent edition: Gwartney, J. and R. Lawson, and J Hall. 2014. *Economic Freedom of the World: 2014 Annual Report*. Vancouver: The Fraser Institute.

First edition: Gwartney, J., R. Lawson, and W. Block. 1996. *Economic Freedom of the World, 1975-1995*. Vancouver: The Fraser Institute.

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Refereed Journal Articles

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Hall, J., R. Lawson, and R. Wogsland. 2011. "The European Union and Economic Freedom." *Global Economy Journal* Manuscript No. 1731.

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Joshua C. Hall, Robert A. Lawson, and Saurav Roychoudhury. Forthcoming. "Creating the Environment for Entrepreneurship through Economic Freedom" in *Public Policy and the Productive Entrepreneur* by Greg Randolph, Michael Tasto and Rob Salvino (eds.). Northhampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, Inc.

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Book Reviews

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Policy Reports

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Gwartney, J., R. Lawson, and B. Benson. 2004. "Estimated Impact of the ILD Reforms on the Growth of the Egyptian Economy" in *The Extralegal Economy where the Majority of Egyptians Live and Work: What the Government of Egypt Can Do to Integrate Them*

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Sobel, R., R. Lawson and J. Hall. 2004. *Taxing Times: How California's Steep Income Tax Stifles Economic Growth* (Sacramento: Pacific Research Institute).

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Lawson, R. and J. Damask. 2001. *Tax Reform for Ohio's New Millennium* (Columbus: The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions).

Gwartney, J., R. Lawson, and R. Holcombe. 1998. *The Size and Functions of Government and Economic Growth* (Washington, D.C.: The Joint Economic Committee of Congress).

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Vedder, R., L. Gallaway, R. Lawson. 1997. *50 State Medicaid Report Card: An Analysis of Performance From the Taxpayer Perspective* (Washington, D.C.: Citizens for a Sound Economy Foundation).

Lawson, R. and S. Staley. 1994. *Rating the Policy Climate in Ohio Cities: A Ranking of Ohio's 19 Largest Cities Based on Taxes, Crime, and Government Burden* (Dayton: Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions).

Lectures/Speeches/Seminars

Université Paul Cézanne Aix-Marseilles III (France), Liberální Institut (Czech Republic), International Policy Network (United Kingdom), Ohio State University, Ohio University, Santa Clara University, Miami University, Auburn University, George Mason University, Trinity College, New Economic School (Georgia), San Jose State University, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Wright State University, Bowling Green State University, West Virginia University, Penn State University, Penn State University-Erie, College of Charleston, Metro State University, Christopher Newport University, Berry College, Mercer University, Friends University, Loyola University New Orleans, Southern Methodist University, Clemson University, Florida State University, Beloit College, Suffolk University, University of Texas-El Paso, University of Kentucky, Northeastern State University, Campbell University, Wingate University, Ilia State University

(Georgia), Tbilisi State University (Georgia), Washburn University, University of Missouri-KC, University of Alaska-Fairbanks, West Texas A&M University, James Madison University, Mississippi State University, Texas Tech University, Charleston Southern University, University of Louisville, Transylvania University.

Article Referee

Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization, Public Choice, Southern Economic Journal, Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics, European Journal of Political Economy, Cato Journal, Journal of Private Enterprise, Journal of Labor Research, Journal of Economics and Finance Education, Economic Inquiry, Journal of Economic Education, Electronic Journal of Sustainable Development, Journal des Economistes et des Etudes Humaines.

Expert Witness Testimony

Ohio Grocer's Association et al. vs. State of Ohio. Franklin County Court of Common Pleas, Case No. 06CVH02-2278. *Application of The East Ohio Gas Company for Approval of a Plan to Restructure Its Commodity Service Function.* Public Utility Commission of Ohio, Case No. 05-474-GA-ATA.

Other Professional Activities

Editorial Board, *Journal of Private Enterprise.* Board of Scholars, Foundation for Economic Eduation. Advisory Board, Manuel H. Johnson Center for Political Economy, Troy University. World Economic Forum. Global Agenda Council on Benchmarking Progress in Society, 2008-2010. Ph.D. Dissertation Committee for Hugh van der Mandele, University of Groningen, Netherlands, 2006. Bowling Green State University, Visiting Scholar, Social Philosophy and Policy Center, Summer 2006. Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE). Past-President, 2005-2006; President, 2004-2005; Vice-President, 2003-2004; Executive Board, 2000-2003, 2006-present. www.apee.org webmaster, 2005-present. Ph.D. Dissertation Committee for Todd M. Nesbit, West Virginia University, 2004-2005. Florida State University, DeVoe L. Moore Center. Visiting Faculty Affiliate, 2003-2004. (Sabbatical from Capital University.) The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions. Senior Fellow, 2004-2008; various titles: 1997-2004; Board of Research Advisors, 1994-2008. Mackinac Center for Public Policy. Adjunct Scholar, 1999-present. The Heartland Institute, Board of Policy Advisors, 2003-present. Center for Entrepreneurial Innovation at The Independent Institute, Board of Advisors, 2005-present. Joint Economic Committee Internship. Washington, D.C., December, 1988 - March, 1989.

Grants, Honors & Awards

Distinguished Scholar Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2009. Best Educational Note, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2009. Best Educational Note, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2007. President's Award, Association of Private Enterprise Education, 2005. Earhart Foundation Faculty Research Grant, 2004-2005. Faculty Award for Excellence in Research, Capital University School of Management, 2002. Antony Fisher Award from the Atlas Economic Research Foundation for best book published by a think tank for *Economic Freedom of the World, 1997 Annual Report*, 1999. Earhart Fellowship for Mont Pelerin Society, 1998. Institute for Humane Studies Hayek Fund for Scholars recipient, 1996. Salvatori Fellow, Heritage

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